

## Chapter I

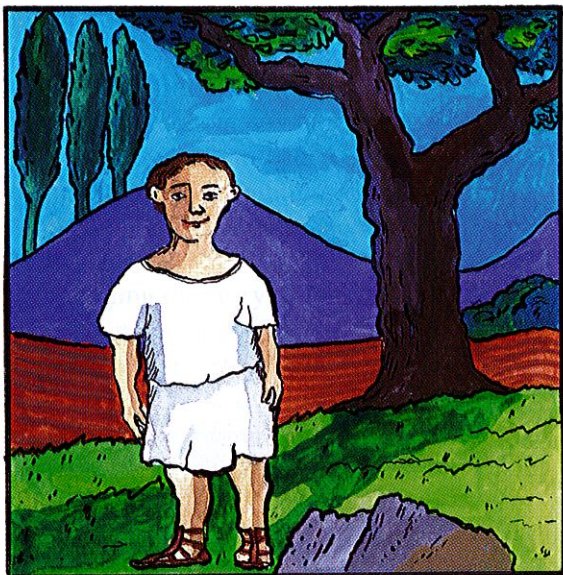
## Scintilla and Horatia at home

**Vitam nārrāmus Quīnti Horāti Flacci. lēctor, attende et fābulā gaudē.**

(We are telling the story of the life of Quintus Horatius Flaccus.

Reader, pay attention and enjoy the story.)

What English words come from **nārrāmus**, **attende**, **fābulā**?



Quīntus est puer Rōmānus.



Quīntus in Apūliā habitat; Apūlia est in Italiā.



Scintilla est fēmina Rōmāna; in casā labōrat.



Horātia puella Rōmāna est; in casā cēnat.

A very large number of English words are derived from Latin. Your knowledge of English will often enable you to see immediately the meaning of unknown Latin words and your knowledge of Latin will often enable you to recognize the meaning of difficult English words.

For instance, from Latin **habitat** are derived English 'habitation', 'inhabit' etc., so that you can see immediately that the Latin word must mean 'lives', 'dwells'; from **labōrat** come English 'labor' etc., so that the Latin word must mean 'works'. What is (a) a *laborious* task (b) *puerile* behavior (c) *feminine* intuition? From which Latin word is each of the English words in italics derived? What do the Latin words mean?

**Vocabulary 1** *Learn the following words*

<i>verbs</i>		<i>adjectives</i>	
<b>ambulat</b>	he/she walks	<b>fessa</b>	tired
<b>cēnat</b>	he/she dines	<b>laeta</b>	happy
<b>festinat</b>	he/she hurries	<b>parāta</b>	ready
<b>intrat</b>	he/she enters		
<b>labōrat</b>	he/she works	<i>adverbs</i>	
		<b>mox</b>	soon
		<b>nōn</b>	not
<i>nouns</i>		<i>conjunctions</i>	
<b>casa</b>	house, cottage	<b>et</b>	and
<b>cēna</b>	dinner	<b>sed</b>	but
<b>fēmina</b>	woman		
<b>puella</b>	girl		



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A family meal

*Read aloud, understand and translate the following passage*

Scintilla in casā labōrat; fessa est. Horātia in casam intrat; iēiūna est. sed cēna nōn parāta est. Scintilla festinat et mox cēna est parāta.

‘ecce!’ inquit, ‘cēna est parāta.’ puella laeta est; ad mēnsam festinat et avidē cēnat.

postrīdiē Scintilla ad tabernās ambulat. Horātia in casā labōrat. mox Scintilla redit et in casam intrat. ecce, parāta est cēna. Scintilla laeta est.

**in casam** into the house  
**iēiūna** hungry

**ecce!** look!; **inquit** she says  
**ad mēnsam** to the table  
**avidē** greedily  
**postrīdiē** the next day  
**ad tabernās** to the shops  
**redit** returns